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MAY 2ND BENEFIT FOR CENTER

"May 2nd is an important day for the Community Center,"announced Center President Joe Brady. Richard Skorman, owner of Poor Richard's Feed & Read Restaurant(324½ N. Tejon), has offered to hold a special showing of the 1985 Academy Award winning film "The Times of Harvey Milk" as a benefit for the Center. The film won in the category of Best Documentary and has been reviewed well by movie critics across the country. The film depicts the life of America's first gay elected official, Harvey Milk, and his untimely death at the hands of San Francisco Supervisor, Dan White.

Show time is 8pm. Admission charge is $2.75. Seating is limited to 85 people, so we urge you to come early. Why not bring a friend and have supper before? The food is always good at Poor Richard's. Support groups that normally meet on Thursday evening are urged to come and see the film instead.

If you are unable to see the film on May 2nd, the film is being shown on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday evenings, April 26 thru the 29th.

This is an important movie that everyone should see! Please support the Center by attending on May 2nd. Call ahead for reservations if your group exceeds 5-10 persons. Phone: 578-0012(Bookstore)
See you all there!! Shown at the Bookstore

ELECTION RESULTS

April 2nd was also an important day for gays in Colorado Springs. Three of the 8 prospective City Council members who responded to our request concerning the passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance were elected to office. These three, Quinten Kelso(District #1), Mary Ellen McNally (District #2), and Leon Young (District #3) replied in a very thoughtful, if not supportive, manner. A negative answer and no response were received from the candidates from District #4. However, sources say that the elected Council member from

BLACK & WHITE BALL

The Imperial Court of Southern Colorado held its annual Black and White Ball at the Clarion Hotel on Saturday, April 6th. About 65 people attended a very enjoyable evening. Entertainment was provided by dignitaries from both the Imperial Court here in the Springs and guests from Denver.

Tim Symons, vice-president of the Community Center, donated a cut crystal vase to be raffled off for benefit of the Center, and it brought in $40.00 to support various programs/services. Thanks Tim, and all those who

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that District would probably be supportive.
Although turnout for the election was small, I would like to think that we made a difference!
IF you have not registered to vote, please contact the El Paso County Election Office at 200 S. Cascade, 520-6225. You and I are the keys to gaining political clout in this most conservative city. Your vote is that key. So, if you have not registered, please do so NOW.

contributed. And, a special thanks to the Court for all its help and assistance. The Center appreciates it.
If you were unable to attend you missed a grand time. Mark it on your calendars for next year!

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Gay Pride Week is a'coming. This year it will be held in the Springs June 16 thru the 23rd, culminating with the parade in Denver.
More details later, but plan to participate!

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"A story told with urgency and passion." - Janet Maslin, New York Times

"One huge surprise hit." - Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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A moving documentary, depicting the life of America's first gay elected official, Harvey Milk, and his untimely death at the hands of San Francisco Supervisor, Dan White. Milk was a compassionate, selfless man who fought for gay rights with an intelligence and wit that made him loved all across the country. This is an important movie that everyone should see. Strongly recommended.

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WOMYN'S NEWS/VIEWS

Count Me In is moving to a new location

Count Me In will be held in a new location starting in May. For the new address, call the Helpline (471-4GAY) or Kathy or Shellie. Starting May 2nd don't go the OLD address unless you want to Count Yourself In alone on the front porch.

At the last Count Me In meeting, 17 women participated in a presentation by Dr. Jacquelyn Beyer. Jacque conducted a slide show which gave us a slice of American Lesbianna. She is researching Social-Geography study of Lesbians in the United States. Her studies have taken her cross country. She visited with May Sarton in Maine. Exchanged information at the Lesbain Herstory Archives in New York City. Shared stories with the women of Naiad Press in Tallehassee. Sojourned to California and shared many of the diverse expressions of Lesbian enterprise in that liberal State.

Jacque's presentation filled me with an overwhelming sense of pride, of continuity, of culture. We are a people. We are. The more we discover about our sisters, the more we discover about ourselves. Thank-you Jacque. And blessings in you continuing research.

Thursday night was only a sampling of what Jacque will share with her class this fall. Yes, this is part of a new class at UCCS where Jacque is a professor. See "Lesbian Course at UCCS" for more details.

by Shellie

LESBIAN COURSE AT UCCS

Lesbian Community will be offered as a course at UCCS, Fall semester 1985. Lesbian Community will be listed in both Geography and Honors sections of the course bulletin. It will be held from 4:30pm to 7:05pm on Fridays. It is a 400 level course, to be offered for 3 credits. The professor will be Dr. Jacqulyn Beyer who is researching Social Geography of Lesbians in the US.

Students who do not regularly attend UCCS are encouraged to sign up as "Unclassified" students. Contact UCCS for more details.

What will be taught? See the article "Count Me In-New Location".

Geography? I never took a geography class in college. Who would ever want to take one. These are some of my questions and prejudices. I asked Jacque to briefly explain what geography has to do with this alive material.

She compared geography and history. Putting is simply, history is "alive when". Social Geography is "alive where". In history we study who did what when, in a given place. Of course, this overlaps some with geography because the "where" is also important. Social Geography is concerned with peoples in places. Who is doing what where, in a given time. For instance, where are the Lesbian neighborhoods in LA? How public are the Lesbians in Sonoma County California vs. Colorado Springs?

by Shellie

GREAT!! FANTASTIC!! SUPERLATIVE!!
Chris Williamson, Tret Fure, Teresa Trull, and Barbara Higby presented a womyn's concert in Boulder on March 23rd.

Tret started the evening with pop-rock style. Next Teresa and Barbara entranced the audience with a widely varied musical repertoire. Chris lead the final set. She shared her folk-singer heart with a new tone, new themes, new songs.

Tret's tight black pants, electric guitar and youthful exuberance didn't fit my image of a women's concert performer. I expected folk-singing like Meg, Chris and Holly. When Tret admitted to stage fright, she became more human, her presentation more real. Then Tret told a story. She had been struck by lightning, no singed actually. The frightful scare inspired one of the songs she performed. Later she changed the tone of her performance. She played my favorite song from her albulm "Terminal Hold", "That Side of the Moon is Too Dark". Most of the numbers she performed that Saturday night were from that album.

Next Tereasa and Barbara captivated the audience. Teresa's voice is incredible. Her stage presence is spell-binding. Barabara also exhibited some of her many talents. She played an intricate piano solo. In a blue grass number she made her fiddle laugh. (Have you ever seen a fiddle laugh?) Barbara's impish humor was infectious. Barbara has unique vitality which is shadowed only by the greater brillance of Teresa.

Teresa and Barbara were presenting their newest albulm "UNEXPECTED". Barbara's piano solo is a sample of her recently released jazz piano albulm. These women have wonderful and wide ranging talent. They are two beautiful women. And their love for one another overflowed to the audience.

After intermission Chris presented several numbers from her new albulm "Prairie Fire". Several of these were about about Native American pride. (As a Lesbain and a Westerner, I also identify with these down-trodden people.) Her songs invited searching inside oneself. Peaceful and peacefilling. I was lulled to distant lands, forgetting where I was. Then suddenly I was overwhelmed. I was at my third womyn's concert. It was sold out. It was in Boulder. I could relax. I was in a Lesbian approving environment. Dear Lord, please bring us more women's concerts to Colorado. And well Lord, while you're at it; please send Chris or Teresa or Barbara or .... for my birthday.

Seriously, I send my heart-felt thanks to all those who brought this concert to Boulder and to all the other women who made it an event. Thanks.

by Shellie

<u>ALIX DOBKIN will be in Denver on April 20th</u>.

Alix Dobkin will present a WOMEN ONLY concert at St. Paul's Church in the Mile-High City. A special opening act will feature Evelyn Green. The concert will begin promptly at 7:30 pm on Saturday, April 20. A donation of $7.50 is requested. Tickets are on sale at Category Six Books in

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL/MAY 1985

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 "Loving Me... Loving You" 9am to 3pm All Souls ICRME Coronation-Denver
21 Spiritual Uplift 10:30am MCC 5:00pm	22 "Can We Talk?" Center 7pm	23	24 MCC Bible Study 7pm	25 "Count Me In" 7:30pm Dignity Mass 7pm Sacred Heart Parish Center	26	27 Helpline Potluck noon Gay Pride Week Planning 1pm
28 Spiritual Uplift 10:30am MCC 5:00pm	29 "Can We Talk?" Center 7pm	30	May 1 MCC Bible Study 7pm	2 "Count Me In" 7:30pm Dignity General Meeting 7pm Sacred Heart Parish Center	3	4
5 Spiritual Uplift 10:30am MCC 5:00pm Court Show-Annex	6 "Can We Talk?" Center 7pm Network at Henri's 6pm-9pm	7	8 MCC Bible Study 7pm	9 "Count Me In" 7:30pm	10	11 Court Show--Hide & Seek 10:30pm & 12:30am Parents &
12 Spiritual Uplift 10:30am MCC 5:00pm Court Bake Sale--Exit 1pm	13 "Can We Talk?" Center 7pm	14	15 MCC Bible Study 7pm	16 "Count Me In" 7:30pm	17	Friends 2pm at the Center

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In Colorado Springs, TICKETS are available at the Women's Health Clinic. Call 471-9492 (8-5, weekdays).

Childcare will be available. The concert will be interpreted for the hearing impared. St. Paul's Methodist Church is located on the corner of 16th and Ogden in Denver.

See all you womyn there!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

by Shellie

RECUPERATING

As you can see by now this issue of Gayspeak is quite abit different from past issues.
Paul Kutsche, editor of Gayspeak, was hospitalized on April 8th and underwent back surgery on the 11th. Paul reports that he had been experiencing an increasing amount of pain over the past two or so months and even had to cut a research trip to New Mexico short because of it. The doctors found a ruptured disc in his spine that needed attention. He will be in Penrose, room #711, phone 577-2250, for another week or two. If you'd like to drop by, you may want to call first. We wish you well, Paul.

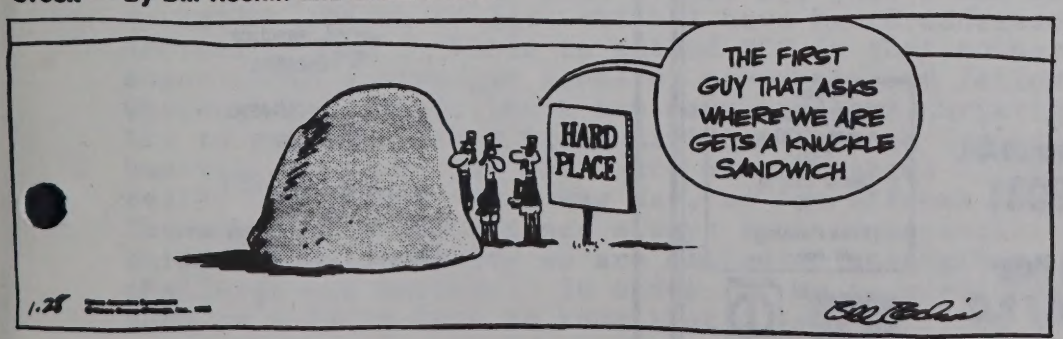
WAY TO GO, NEW MEXICO

The New Mexico Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance in Albuquerque reports that the governor has signed an executive order banning discrimination against gays. The governor, Toney Anaya, signed the order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of "sexual preference." The order affects the executive branch of the state government and by those who contract with the state.
The full impact of the Order has not yet been fully determined by lesbian and gay leaders.
Congratulations New Mexico! If anyone would like a copy of the Order, please drop a line to the Bd. Secretary/ Treasurer along with a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

HAVE A GAY DAY!

A BIT OF HUMOR

Crock — By Bill Rechin and Brant Parker



BUMPER SNICKER...

"AVENGE YOURSELF!"

Live long enough to be a problem to your children.

"HONK IF YOU'RE FEELING HORNY."

Twice if you feel especially nasty.

PBS

Program News

A new documentary will air on PBS on Friday, May 10th. Entitled "Silent Pioneers" this film will enable elderly gay men and lesbians to tell their story. While the predominantly youthful gay and lesbian community has "come out of the closet" over the past two decades, there remains a large group of elderly gays in America who have lived their lives as "silent pioneers," quietly paving the way for a younger, more vocal, generation, hence the title.
Although we do not know if Ch. 8 in Pueblo will air this fine film, we urge each of you to watch for an announcement and then tune in. You younger lads and lasses owe much to your elders!

BOARD BRIEFS

At the April meeting of the Board of Directors of the Community Center, the following actions were taken:

a) approved the use of a part of the Center for office space for MCC. In lieu of rent, Roger Webb will answer Helpline phone during the hours of noon to 6pm Wednesdays thru Saturdays. This arrangement will be on a 6 months trial basis.

b) approved the allocation of "seed" money for Gay Pride Week. Buttons and bumper stickers will be ordered; a banner will be produced for the parade.

AIDS information project to be funded by the U.S. Conferenc of Mayors was refused consideration at this time as they said the proposal arrived too late. We will resubmit in May.

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SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE HELPLINE!

The Helpline volunteers have received a jersey, with their very own logo. The jerseys were a gift from the Pikes Peak Gay Community Center.

As the coordinator of the Helpline I was asked to go out to our community for donations. I can't say enough about the warm reception I received while taking on this task.

I would like to give a special thanks to the following businesses for their contribution and encouragement: ECHO PRINT; THE EXIT; THE LOTUS EATER BOUTIQUE; THE HIDE & SEEK COMPLEX/ANNEX; GENTRY'S FLORIST; HENRI'S RESTAURANT; THE IMPERIAL COURT OF SOUTHERN COLO.; THE SOURCE; THE KILN; GAYSPEAK; SPIRITUAL UPLIFT; METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, and, of course, the PIKES PEAK GAY COMMUNITY CENTER.

The Helpline is now planning their contribution to Gay Pride Week which will be a block party to be held on June 22nd in an effort to generate unity and excitement for the annual Denver Parade on June 23rd.

Hope to see you there, and, again, many thanks.

Allan Wakefield

MCC NOTES...

WHY MCC? by Matthew Howard(clergy in training)

I have been a member of the Metropolitan Community Churches since January of 1980. Why do I choose to attend and participate in the worship services and social life of MCC as opposed to a mainline Christian denomination?

One reason is that, although I believe the good news that was brought to humanity through Jesus Christ is universal, I know that it is articulated with regard to specific situations. I have attended many denominations other than MCC. In no other denomination have I heard the Gospel interpreted with regard to my life as a Gay individual. Let's face facts, because of our unique position in society we have our own special set of concerns and hurts. I choose to have my life ministered to directly and with understanding, not with condemnation or condescension. I don't want to sit in a mainline church and listen to a dissertation on how to be a good father and husband, or what the proper role of women is in regard to the family. These things just don't apply to my life.

At MCC I have learned that God's love and grace are for me, a Gay individual. I have been challenged to develop a sexual ethic which is independent of the scripts I have learned in heterosexual society. A sexual ethic of freedom tempered by responsibility, not of guilt! I have heard a rebuttal of Jerry Falwell's statements that AIDS is God's judgement on Gay men. These are just a few of the issues that directly concern my life which I have heard addressed at MCC.

Another reason I choose to attend MCC is that nowhere else have I experienced a stronger sense of community and fellowship. I believe wholeheartedly that there are many straight Christians who would try to accept me as a Gay individual through Christ's love. I don't, however, believe that there are many straight Christians who could really understand why I was Gay, or the effects that has on my life. The need to fellowship has always been an essential part of Christianity. As a community we are called to strengthen, nurture and challenge one another. In order for me to participate in fellowship such as this, I have to know that I am understood and accepted with-

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out reservation. It is a natural thing for people with similar interests, backgrounds, lifestyles, etc. to bond together. MCC is no different in this respect than churches with primarily upper middle class people, or primarily black people, or poor people, etc. If there is a difference, I hope it is that we are less likely to be hostile towards the other groups merely due to the fact that in someways they are dissimilar.
I challenge you. TRY MCC. You deserve to have your needs and concerns as a Gay or Lesbian person ministered to directly and with understanding. You deserve to be involved with a community which is continually growing in maturity and in its ability to nurture and affirm its members. You deserve MCC.

CENTER SUPPORT GROUPS

Here are the groups which meet regularly at present. For referral or more information, please call the Helpline---471-4GAY.

"Can We Talk?" Mondays at 7pm at the Center. For all ages & genders.
"Count Me In" Thursdays at 7:30pm. For women and men 30 and over.
"Parents & Friends of Gays" Second Saturday of each month. Call 634-0776. Ask for Muriel.
"Speakers Bureau" Call Chuck at 597-6889.
"Young Men's Support Group" Chuck at 597-6889.

OTHER GROUPS/SERVICES

"Dignity"(Catholic support group)--Thursday evenings, 7pm, room 9 Sacred Heart Parish, 21st Street and Pikes Peak.
Metropolitan Community Church--services Sundays at 5pm, 730 N. Tejon
Network--1st and 3rd Mondays of the month, 6-9pm, Henri's Restaurant, 2427 W. Colorado.
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous--Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8pm, basement of All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon.
STD Clinic(Sexually Transmitted Diseases)--510 N. Foote. Nominal fee. Information confidential. Minors examined without parental consent. Phone: 578-3148.
STD Clinic(Pueblo)--151 Central Main Street. Phone: 545-4650 or 544-8376.
National Gay Task Force CrisisLine to report anti-lesbian or gay violence, 1-7pm Mountain time. 1-800-221-7044.